

Laura and I and a lot of our family are here to cheer you on. We're just a handful of a lot of folks who care about you a lot. There are going to be a lot of people pulling for you. We want you to win as many golds as you possibly can.

We appreciate all the hard work you've put in to get to this spot. It's got to be really exciting, thinking about marching in that stadium and representing our country. So I guess all I've got to say is, go for it, give it all you've got, and may God bless you.

NOTE: The President spoke at 6:44 p.m. in the Fencing Hall. In his remarks, he referred to former President George H.W. Bush, honorary captain, and Charles Lee, chef de mission, 2008 U.S. summer Olympic team. The Office of the Press Secretary also released a Spanish language transcript of these remarks.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

August 2

In the morning, at the Bush family home in Kennebunkport, ME, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva of Brazil to discuss the recent World Trade Organization Doha round negotiations in Geneva, Switzerland.

August 3

In the morning, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Camp David, MD. Later, he welcomed and met with Ruler of Dubai and Prime Minister Muhammad Bin Rashid Al Maktum of the United Arab Emirates.

August 4

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he met with Ruler

of Dubai and Prime Minister Muhammad Bin Rashid Al Maktum of the United Arab Emirates.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Andrews Air Force Base, MD, where he was joined by Mrs. Bush. They then traveled to Eielson Air Force Base, AK. While en route aboard Air Force One, he participated in an interview with Michael Abramowitz of the Washington Post.

Later in the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush greeted and participated in photo opportunities with U.S. military personnel. He then met with the family of a soldier killed in the war on terror.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Seoul, South Korea, crossing the international dateline and arriving the following evening.

August 5

In the morning, aboard Air Force One, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the evening, upon arrival at Seoul Air Base, South Korea, the President and Mrs. Bush participated in an arrival ceremony. They then traveled to the Grand Hyatt Seoul Hotel.

The President announced his intention to appoint Mark V. Rosenker as Vice Chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board.

August 6

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to the U.S. Embassy, where they met with Embassy staff and their families. They then traveled to the Blue House Presidential residence, where, in the Grand Garden, they participated in an arrival ceremony with President Lee Myung-bak of South Korea and his wife, Kim Yoon-ok.

Later in the morning, at the Spring House, the President and Mrs. Bush had tea and participated in a social lunch with President Lee and his wife, Kim Yoon-ok.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to U.S. Army Garrison—Yongsan. Later, they traveled to Bangkok, Thailand, arriving in the evening.

Later in the evening, the President traveled to the Government House, where he participated in a working dinner with Prime

Minister Samak Sundaravej of Thailand. Later, he traveled to the Four Seasons Hotel Bangkok.

August 7

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then traveled to the Queen Sirikit National Convention Center. Later, he toured the Human Development Foundation—Mercy Centre.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to the U.S. Ambassador's residence, where he participated in a briefing on Cyclone Nargis disaster relief efforts in Burma and had lunch with Burmese activists. Later, he traveled to Don Muang Royal Thai Air Force Base, where he was joined by Mrs. Bush. They then traveled to Beijing, China, arriving in the evening.

Later in the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to the Westin Beijing Chaoyang hotel.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to Asuncion, Paraguay, to attend the inauguration of President Fernando Lugo on August 15: Carlos M. Gutierrez (head of delegation); Liliana Ayalde; Robert Mosbacher, Jr.; and Daniel W. Fisk.

The President announced the designation of the following individuals as members of a Presidential delegation to Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, to attend the inauguration of President Leonel Antonio Fernandez Reyna on August 16: Robert J. Portman (head of delegation); P. Robert Fannin; Julio Franco; Kathi Koll; and Omar Minaya.

The President announced that he has named Brian Cossiboom as Special Assistant to the President for Presidential Personnel.

The President announced that he has named J. Keith Ausbrook as Special Assistant to the President and Executive Secretary on the Homeland Security Council staff.

August 8

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Then, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to the U.S. Embassy, where they met with Embassy staff and their families. Later, they traveled to the Great Hall of the People.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush attended a social reception and lunch hosted by President Hu Jintao of China and his wife, Liu Yongqing. During the reception, he met with Prime Minister Vladimir V. Putin of Russia to discuss the situation in Georgia.

In the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush traveled to Fencing Hall, where they met with International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge. Later, they traveled to National Stadium, where they attended the opening ceremony of the 2008 summer Olympic games. During the ceremony, the President again met with Prime Minister Putin to discuss the situation in Georgia.

Later in the evening, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to the Westin Beijing Chaoyang hotel, where he met with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley to discuss the situation in Georgia.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released August 4

Transcript of a press gaggle by Press Secretary Dana Perino and National Security Council Senior Director for East Asian Affairs Dennis C. Wilder

Statement by the Press Secretary announcing that the President signed S. 3370